

**Minutes of the
Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association
Board of Directors Meeting
October 11, 2022**

Call to Order: The meeting of the Jefferson County Retired Teachers Association Board of Directors was called to order by JCRTA President Susan Thurman at 10:05 a.m. All in attendance were welcomed. President Sahara Myers gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Board Members Present: Sheila Carson-Smith, Beth Dowdell, Ken Draut, Debbie Dunn, Jill Ginsburg, Pam Gooch, Ann Hafling, Marilyn Hazard, Sahara Myers, Tara Parker, Lue Peabody (Zoom), Mary Perry, Marilyn Puckett, Susan Thurman, Dale Warren, Donna Wiseman, Melanie Wood.

Board Members Absent: Martha O’Bryan, Myra Fugate.

Recording Secretary: Copies of the minutes of the previous meeting on June 28, 2022, were provided by Marilyn Puckett. A motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Ken Draut and seconded by Ann Hafling. The correction was made in the legislative report to state that “the Legislature will not be in session until January of 2023.” The motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report: Mary Perry reported that donations for school supplies and food supply drives had been good this year. Mary noted that the main source of income for JCRTA is from dues and any leftover money from Trips and Tours. Other finance related items were noted. President Susan Thurman applied for a \$50 grant which will be matched by JCRTA. Mary noted that checks need to be deposited in the account for mailings. Ken Draut presented information regarding JCRTA membership payments by credit card. He presented a chart to show how fees would work. A motion to allow Ken and Mary to try out the credit system to learn more about how it works was made by Tara Parker and seconded by Ann Hafling. The motion passed. Ken and Mary will report to the board in January with their findings. Expenses are becoming a possible concern. More members are needed as well as a possible increase in price for lunch at the General Meetings. It was noted that our fees could be compared with other districts and how much they keep in reserve. It was decided to decide by January. Ken suggested taking a designated amount from savings each year to cushion the budget. A motion to approve the treasurer’s report was made by Pam Gooch and seconded by Debbie Dunn. The motion passed and the report will be filed for audit.

1st Vice-President: Sahara Myers announced that donations for Blessings in a Backpack will be collected at the December General Meeting. The Atherton high School Choir will perform. Dr. Rita Greer will be at the meeting to display two of her books and sign them. She will come to the March General meeting to talk about them. Sahara will lead an interactive activity using the game Kahoot.

2nd Vice-President: Pam Gooch reported that there were 119 who registered and paid for the August 26, 2022, KRTA fall workshop. There were 3 new retirees registered. There was a total of 15 no-shows, including 1 new retiree. There were 10 guests from KRTA and TRS. She announced that the deadline for registration for the December 6, 2022, General Meeting will be November 29, 2022. Pam presented a list of venues which she had contacted regarding prices for the General Meetings. After discussion, it was decided to continue at Wildwood Country Club through 2023. All requested dates were available except March 11, 2023, which was moved to March 9.

Corresponding Secretary: Debbie Dunn announced that newsletter articles will be due by Thursday, October 27.

KRTA Representative: Tara Parker reported that the KRTA Executive Council met on August 22, 2022.

- Hank Hensley of Henry Hensley and Associates, Inc. reviewed and summarized KRTA investments.
- Debby Murrell, Membership Co-Chair, reported the membership goal set in July was 31,122. To date membership is 31,180. A new Membership Handbook has been developed and can be accessed on the KRTA website.
- Margaret Sims, Health and Insurance Chair, mentioned concerns with the N.O. Kimbler account which helps provide scholarships to students. More donations are needed to help sustain that account. She also discussed the Bourgard foundation which helps KRTA members who have experienced tragedies such as the tornados in Western Kentucky and the flooding in Eastern Kentucky.
- Allen Schuler, Legislative Co-Chair presented legislative issues. Allen reiterated that as an organization KRTA is and must remain non-partisan.
- Cebert Gilbert, Jr., AARP/KRTA specialist, mentioned a few changes with the Grandparent's Essay. He noted that AARP is non-partisan as well.
- Golden Hale, KRTA President, will focus on the importance of membership at the Fall Workshops
- Tim Abrams, KRTA Executive Director, announced the Retired Teachers Week Proclamation which will be October 17-21, 2022.

- Tim Abrams referenced the budget and reported that funds are transferred from the operating account to the general fund if and when they are needed.
- A motion was made and passed unanimously to increase the giving to the Kimbler and Bourgard funds.
- There were no changes to the final budget from what was passed in June. However, Tim noted that KRTA dues have been the same since 2008 and that some changes may be forthcoming in the future. A motion made to approve the final budget passed unanimously.
- The next meeting of the KRTA Executive Council will be December 5, 2022.

Committee Chairperson Reports

Audit and Budget: No report.

Community Liaison: Donna Wiseman reported that volunteer hours will be collected at the end of the year. They may be turned in at the December meeting. Frankie Buckman, 2022 Volunteer of the Year will be honored at the December meeting.

Insurance: Lue Peabody reported that updates will be forthcoming at the next state meeting on October 17. She noted that the September TRS newsletter has much information. She announced that Renew Active will be replacing Silver Sneakers. Lue also stated that insurance information will be in the JCRTA newsletter following the October meeting.

KRTA Membership: Sheila Carson-Smith reported that the goal for KRTA members is 627 members short. She provided a brochure with KRTA information. She mentioned activities for local members and said that she would like to see more board members involved. Other types of venues were discussed in addition to sports outings. They included museums, historical homes, the Filson Club, Botanical Gardens, and Louisville Orchestra coffee concerts. KRTA wants each district to sign up 10 new members by November 1. Associate members are encouraged.

JCRTA Membership: Marilyn Hazard reported that total membership to date is 1,367. She also provided the names of new volunteers. Ann Hafling donated \$40.00 toward memberships for new retirees.

Legislative: Beth Dowdell reported that during the 2022 legislative session the state approved the biennial budget to include funding for pensions and contributions for the health insurance plans. She encouraged everyone to thank the state legislators for their votes. Beth emphasized the legislative priorities for 2023:

- Remind legislators that there should be no changes to the governing of our Board of Trustees

- Follow HB 451, a bill that may affect the cost of prescription drugs for members.
- Show support for current educators by paying attention to issues that affect them such as the calculation and usage of sick days.

Nominating: No report.

Necrology/Remembrance: No report.

Technology: Ken Draut encouraged everyone to check the website for accuracy of information. He reviewed the procedures for paying JCRTA membership by credit card. This will be put on hold until membership dues are raised.

Trips and Tours: Martha O'Bryan provided a list of three trips planned for 2023. The JCRTA website provides more information.

- Chicago May 1-6, 2023
- Cape Cod The dates have changed. She will get back with the new dates.
- Out West A tour of National Parks. The trip will be in the fall.

Scholarship: No report.

KRTA/AARP Essay Contest: Jill Ginsburg reported that JCPS is not satisfied with the AARP forms, that they may be too personal. The forms will be reviewed.

Old Business: The Board Meetings have been confirmed for 2023:

- Tuesday, January 17, 2023
- Tuesday, March 28, 2023
- Tuesday, June 20, 2023
- Tuesday, October 10, 2023

General Meetings at Wildwood Country Club have been tentatively confirmed:

- Thursday, March 9, 2023
- Thursday, May 18, 2023
- Friday, August 25, 2023 (Set by KRTA)
- Thursday, December 7, 2023

New Business: None

A motion was made by Tara Parker and seconded by Sheila Carson-Smith to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Puckett, Recording Secretary

